

Tonicity and Osmosis Worksheet

Biology 101

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10 Extra Credit Points

Name: _____

Section: _____

Date Due: _____

Using the key below and the information given, answer the questions.

key:

solute particle •

cell membrane - - - - -

cell wall = = = = =

in all solutions, the solvent is H_2O

Part I. Fill in the blanks:

A _____ is a fluid in which a substance is dissolved.

A _____ is a substance dissolved in a solvent.

A _____ is a combination of solute and solvent.

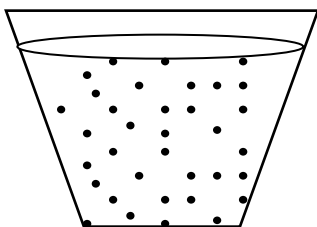
The process by which H_2O diffuses across a membrane is called _____.

Part II. Look at the solutions illustrated below and fill in the blanks.

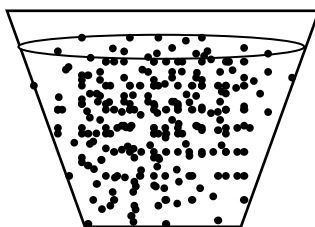
1. **Solution B** is _____ to **solution A**. This is because **solution B** has a greater concentration of _____ in it than does **solution A**. **Solution C** has no solutes dissolved in it, therefore it is _____ to both **Solutions A** and **B**.

2. As the relative concentration of **solutes** in two solutions increases, of necessity the relative concentration of **water** in the same two solutions _____. **Solution A** has a lower concentration of _____ than does **Solution C**; **Solution A** is also **hypertonic** to **Solution C**.

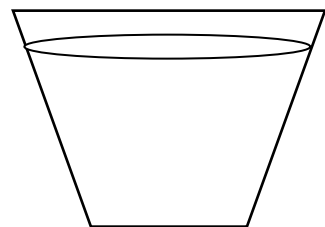
3. If you wanted to make **Solution A** **isotonic** to **Solution B**, you could add **water** to Solution _____ or you could add **solute** to Solution _____. If you took all three solutions, put them into a large container and mixed them thoroughly, then redistributed the solution among the three containers, **Solution A** would be _____ to **Solution B**. **Solution A** would also be _____ to **Solution C**, and **Solution C** would be _____ to **Solution B**.



A

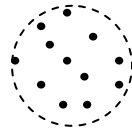


B

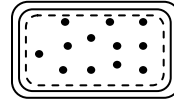


C

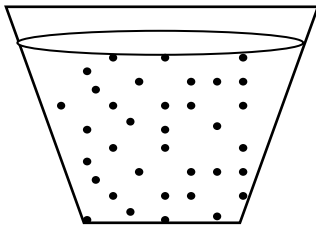
Part III. Below are represented a **plant cell** and an **animal cell**. Refer to the **key** at the top left of page one and fill in the blanks below. (If you find yourself counting solute dots, you're working **much** too hard!) **Assume that the cell membranes allow only water (not the solutes) to pass through.**



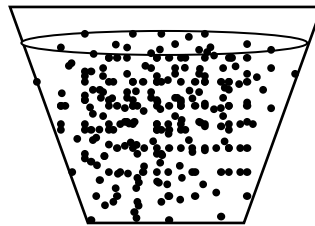
animal cell



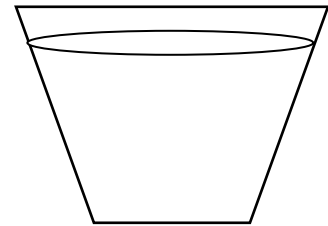
plant cell



A



B



C

1. Because the **cytoplasms** of the plant and the animal cell have **equal** concentrations of solutes, we can say that their cytoplasms are _____ to each other. If we put both the plant and the animal cells into **Solution A**, we would expect **no change** in the cells, because **Solution A** is _____ to the cytoplasm of each cell.

2. Let's put both cells into **Solution B**. Because **Solution B** is **hypertonic** to the cytoplasms of the cells, we would expect **water** to _____ the cells through the process of _____. This would result in the cytoplasm of both cells shrinking.

3. Now we'll put both the plant and the animal cell into **Solution C**, which, because it contains **no solutes** at all, is _____ to the cytoplasm of both cells. _____ will enter both cells through **osmosis**. The **animal cell** is likely to _____, unfortunately. The **plant cell**, however, is protected from this because of the presence of its _____, which is lacking in the animal cell.